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For : A ZOOM LENS AND A MOVABLE LENS HOOD MOUNTING
MECHANISM OF THE ZOOM LENS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 18, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on September 18, 2004 and which has been extended, by the herein enclosed Request for Extension of Time, to expire on October 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Response.